

CLAIMS

1. A sequin feeder apparatus comprising a feed mechanism for feeding a strip of a multiplicity of continuously-connected sequins, let out from a reel and then placed on an upper surface of a supporting plate, at a predetermined pitch corresponding to a size of a sequin of the strip, and a movable cutter blade that cuts off a sequin by being driven downward, by abutment against a needle bar or a member movable with the needle bar, after a sewing needle fits into a hole of a sequin fed out by said feed mechanism as the needle bar descends in accordance with sewing operation of a sewing machine,
characterized in that a sequin-cutting portion of said movable cutter blade has a thickness smaller than a thickness of an abutting portion thereof that abuts against the needle bar or the member movable with the needle bar.
- 15 2. A sequin feeder apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said sequin-cutting portion is formed by reducing a thickness of a particular region, corresponding to a needle drop position, of said movable cutter blade, and wherein, when said movable cutter blade is in a posture before abutting against the needle bar or the member movable with the needle bar, an upper region of the sequin-cutting portion, formed by reducing the thickness of said movable cutter blade, is located below an uppermost region of the abutting portion not reduced in thickness.
- 25 3. A sequin feeder apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein, in said movable cutter blade, the sequin-cutting portion reduced in thickness is formed below the abutting portion not reduced in thickness.
4. A sequin feeder apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said feed mechanism is arranged to feed out a sequin by advancing and retracting movement of a feed lever, said feed mechanism performing feeding operation by causing a distal end of the feed lever to engage the hole of at least one sequin of the strip on the supporting plate and then advancing the feed lever, and wherein a position of the hole where the distal end is to engage when the feed lever is to be advanced is variable in accordance with a size of the sequin.